

Sec. 25 of the Illinois public utility act, which says that any corporation must go to the utilities commission and get the permission of that body before it can issue any new stocks or bonds or securities of any sort.

"That every officer and agent who directed or executed the creation of these certificates of indebtedness be imprisoned in the state penitentiary for not less than two or more than ten years" is asked in one petition.

Penitentiary sentences for directors of the Commonwealth Edison Co. are asked in another petition. "The defendant violated Sec. 27 of the utilities act in July, 1914, in the purchase of \$20,000,000 of capital stock of the Chicago Elevated Railways Collateral Trust without consent of the commission, it is stated.

"Here's what we want to bring out," said Hogarth. "The Edison Co. was organized to manufacture and sell electric energy. It operates under the laws of Illinois and the ordinances of the city of Chicago with that understanding. It is not authorized to engage in promotional enterprises of a hazardous or speculative nature.

"By issuing \$7,000,000 worth of one-year 5 per cent promissory notes last July the Edison Co. directors added a burden of \$350,000 interest a year to their business. The people of Chicago who buy light and power from the Edison Co. must pay that \$350,000.

"And because the general public must pay this added load of debt the state utilities act said that no public utility corporation such as the Commonwealth Edison could plunge into debt and add to the consumers' rates unless permission was first obtained from the commission.

"There is no record of such permission being asked. Insull and the Commonwealth Edison directors appear to set themselves above the state law."

Hogarth used to be general manager of the Chicago Railways Co., the

north side surface lines. He says he was let out through a frame-up backed by Insull, who didn't like Hogarth's plan for an electric power plant to supply all elevated and surface lines with power at lower cost than that of Insull's Edison Co.

These are Commonwealth Edison directors who, according to Hogarth, have violated criminal statutes and ought to be in the state penitentiary: Samuel Insull, Robert T. Lincoln, John J. Mitchell, John G. Shedd, Henry A. Blair, Benjamin Carpenter, James A. Patten, Watson F. Blair, Solomon A. Smith.

BLAMES MAYOR ROBERTS FOR WHOLE CONSPIRACY

Indianapolis, Ind., March 9.—"The head of the whole gigantic conspiracy to steal the Terre Haute election was Donn E. Roberts, mayor of the city," declared Dist. Att'y Dailey today, in his statement to the jury in the election corruption conspiracy trial of Roberts and twenty-seven other Terre Haute politicians in federal court here. "Roberts served in the dual capacity of mayor and chairman of one of the parties, and he ruled in both places as a czar."

Roberts sat unconcerned throughout the arraignment.

THREE YOUNG GIRLS ACCUSE TWO RICH MEN

Residents of the Polish district are aroused over the serious charges made against two wealthy men by three little Polish girls. The men are William Scannell, head of the Chicago Iron Foundry Co., and Leonard Roer, proprietor of the Winchester Theater, 1936 W. Chicago av.

Scannell was arraigned before Judge Fisher in the West Chicago court today. Roer has apparently skipped his bond so Scannell's case was continued.

The girls who accuse the men of attacking them are: May Kratsky, 8, 2216 Austin, Theresa Malkansuk,